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In re application of

Yoshihiko MATSUKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/719,231

Filed December 8, 2000

IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, IMAGE
DECODING APPARATUS, CHARACTER
COLLATION APPARATUS, AND DATA
STORAGE MEDIUM[Corresponding to PCT/JP99/03066
Filed June 9, 1999]

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Docket No. 2000-1663A

PATENT OFFICE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORMAssistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated January 22, 2001, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

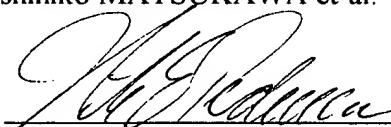
Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

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